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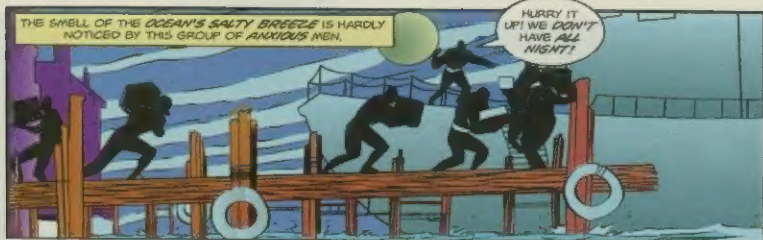
U.S. SPECIAL FORCES



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THE **BLACK DRAGON** ARE A RUTHLESS AND EVIL LOT. AGAIN AND AGAIN THEY PROVE HOW **POWERFUL** THE **FORCES OF DARK** CAN SOMETIMES BE. THEY SHOW THE WORLD, IN A RATHER **BLUNT** AND **RUDE** MANNER, THAT CRIME CAN PAY...

BUT IT CHARGES **IMMEASURABLE** AMOUNTS BACK. A PIECE OF YOUR **HEART** HERE, A BIT OF YOUR **HUMANITY** THERE.

HOWEVER, SOME WOULD SAY THAT MEMBERS OF THE **BLACK DRAGON** NEVER HAD A **HEART**...NEVER HAD AN **OUNCE** OF **HUMANITY**...

NOR EVEN A **SOUL**, FOR THAT MATTER.

THERE ARE SOME WHO FEEL THAT PEOPLE LIKE THIS **DO NOT** DESERVE THE FREEDOM TO WALK AMONG A WORLD THAT **HAS** HEART AND **SOUL**. THERE ARE **THOSE** THAT ARE CALLED THE


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## SECRET TREASURES

Written by the tingling pen of Mark Paniccia  
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Based on Characters Created by Ed Boon & John Tobias

A **MORTAL KOMBAT** ADVENTURE!





THE *SPEED* OF AN OBJECT CAN MAKE IT A POWERFUL AND DANGEROUS WEAPON, SUCH IS THE CONCEPT THAT THE *MUNCHUKU* IS BASED ON.

EXCEPT THAT LEUTENANT *NIKKI STONE* IS FASTER, AND MORE DANGEROUS!

THAT'S ONE LINK IN THE CHAIN BROKEN.

AND HERE COMES ANOTHER.

YOU PICKED THE *WRONG* NIGHT TO GO OUT SNOOPIN', SAILOR!

SORRY, PAL, I'M NO SAILOR, BUT I DO BELONG TO AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS *GOVERNMENT* SUBSIDIZED.

SO YOUR *TAX* DOLLARS, IF YOU PAY 'EM, ARE HARD AT WORK WITH.

*CODY FINNIGAN*, U.S. SPECIAL FORCES, AT YOUR SERVICE!



WELL, NOW THAT THE NEIGHBORS ARE AWAKE, I GUESS A LITTLE MORE NOISE WON'T DO ANY HARM, EXCEPT FOR WHEN IT COMES TO THE FLESH THESE BULLETS ARE GONNA RIP THROUGH!



YOU CAN'T HURT WHAT YOU CAN'T TOUCH!

HER NAME IS VAPOR, AND AS THE BULLETS PASS THROUGH THE AIR, THEY SLIDE IN BETWEEN HER MOLECULES WITH AN EVEN GREATER EASE.



AAARGH!!

WHAT THE - THEY WENT RIGHT THROUGH YOU! YOU'RE SOME KINDA GHOST!



THAT'S NOT SO SPECIAL SEE, THINGS CAN GO THROUGH YOU, TOO.



AND NOW YOU'RE A GHOST!

THANKS, SYLENCE.





NEVER A PROBLEM, VAPOR, LOOKS LIKE TORQUE'S KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!



AND I'M READY FOR MORE...  
...EXCEPT WE'RE ALL OUT OF BIRDS!

COOLANT FLUID RUNS THROUGH THE SERVO-MOTORS IN TORQUE'S BIONIC ARMS, KEEPING THEM FROM OVERHEATING IN THE MIST OF ANY BATTLE. FOR TORQUE, THE BATTLES ALWAYS DON'T LAST VERY LONG.

THERE'S THE LAST BIRDS, TORQUE, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SONYA AND JACKSON HAVE EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL.



GIVE IT UP,  
ROJACK! YOU'RE  
FINISHED.

I CAN'T  
IMAGINE THAT THIS  
IS YOUR MOTHER'S  
GOLD. TOO BAD YOU  
WON'T GET THE  
CHANCE TO ***SPEND***  
IT.



IT DOESN'T  
MATTER, ***SPEDS!***  
IF WE CAN'T HAVE  
IT, ***NO ONE*** CAN!

I DON'T THINK IT'S  
UP TO ***YOU***, RO. THIS  
STUFF EITHER GOES  
***BACK*** TO WHOM IT BE-  
LONGS TO, OR THE  
GOVERNMENT ***TAKES***  
IT AND RE-FAVES THE  
***FREEWAY***.

MAYBE YOU ***DIDN'T***  
UNDERSTAND ME, JAX.  
THIS ***BELONGS*** TO THE ***BLACK***  
***DRAGON***. IT'S ***NOT*** COMMUNITY  
PROPERTY, AND LIKE I  
SAID...



***NO ONE***  
ELSE GETS  
IT!

***HEY!***

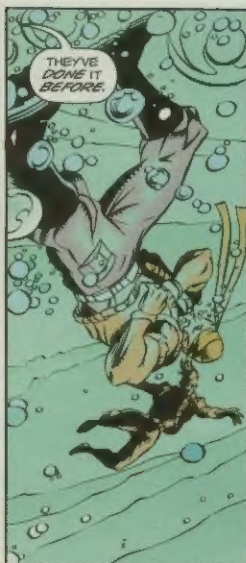
THE ***BLACK DRAGON*** HAS  
BEEN KNOWN TO USE  
***DESPERATE MEASURES...***



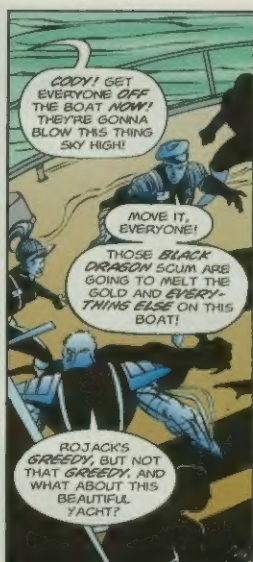
THIS IS SOMETHING JACKSON BRIGGS AND SONYA BLADE ARE ALL TOO FAMILIAR WITH.

JAX, YOU DON'T THINK--?

I WOULDN'T PUT IT PAST THEM.



THEY'VE DONE IT BEFORE.



CODY! GET EVERYONE OFF THE BOAT NOW! THEY'RE GONNA BLOW THIS THING SKY HIGH!

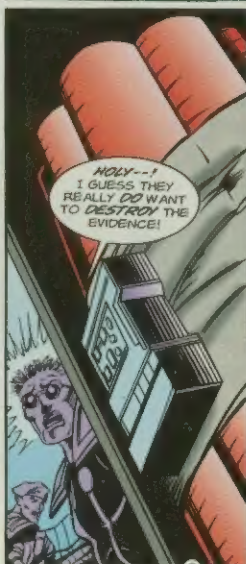
MOVE IT, EVERYONE!

THOSE **BLACK DRAGON** SCUM ARE GOING TO MELT THE GOLD AND **EVERYTHING ELSE** ON THIS BOAT!

ROJACK'S **GREEDY**, BUT NOT THAT **GREEDY**, AND WHAT ABOUT THIS BEAUTIFUL YACHT?



REST IN **PIECES**, SPEDS.



HOLY--! I GUESS THEY REALLY DO WANT TO DESTROY THE EVIDENCE!



**CLICK**





THIS IS NOT THE *FIRST EXPLOSION* THIS SPECIAL FORCES TEAM HAS EXPERIENCED, IT IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THEY HAVE FELT FIRE *LASH OUT* AND TOUCH THEIR SKIN WITH ITS *LONG AND SEARING FINGERS*.

NOR IS IT THE FIRST TIME THAT THE SOUND OF *THUNDER* HAS *ENGULFED* THEM, VIBRATING THEIR VERY *BONES* TO A POINT THAT FEELS AS IF THEY'RE GOING TO *BREAK FREE* FROM THEIR *SOCKETS*.

AND THOUGH IT'S SOME-  
THING THEY'LL *NEVER* GET  
USED TO...





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HEADQUARTERS

THIS IS ONE OF THOSE TIMES FOR  
LEUTENANT SONJA BLADE. A TIME  
WHEN A MOMENT IS REPLAYED OVER  
AND OVER AGAIN IN HER MIND.

AND AS SHE THINKS ABOUT DIFFERENT  
STRATEGIES SHE AND HER TEAM  
COULD'VE TAKEN TO CHANGE THE OUT  
COME SHE KNOWS THERE WAS ONLY  
ONE POSSIBLE ENDING.

DUE TO THE EXTREME  
MEASURE A VILLAIN NAMED  
ROJACK WAS WILLING TO  
TAKE

WHATEVER YOU  
WERE LOADING THAT BOAT  
WITH WAS SOMETHING THE  
BLACK DRAGON DIDN'T WANT  
US TO KNOW ABOUT SOMETHING  
THEY WOULD RATHER  
DESTROY

COMPUTER  
BLACK DRAGON  
FILE 87D B FULL  
JF ROJACK

THE BUILDING STANDS LIKE A  
TALL AND PROUD SENTINEL,  
KNOWING THAT WITHIN ITS ROOMS  
AND HALLS SOME OF THE  
BRAVEST AND MOST HONORED  
SOLDIERS OF AMERICA STRIVE  
TO KEEP THIS GREAT COUNTRY  
SAFE FOR OTHERS.

YET IT IS A TOWERING  
RESPONSIBILITY ONE THAT  
BESTOWS RELENTLESS  
PRESSURE ON THOSE  
WHO HAVE TAKEN AN OATH  
THAT MANY TIMES OVER-  
WHELMS AND TIRES.

WORKING JACK  
MORRIS AKA  
ROJACK MEMBER OF  
THE BLACK DRAGON  
SINCE 1982 PRIOR TO  
JOINING, MORRIS WAS  
ON THE MOST WANTED  
LIST IN AMERICA,  
HONG KONG AND

TEV

AKA TED  
BACKGROUND  
PROFILE

WORKING MORRIS IS A  
FORMER GREEN BERT WHO  
WAS DISHONORABLY DISCHARGED FOR  
SMUGGLING WEAPONS TO TERRORIST  
GROUPS INCLUDING THE BLACK DRAGON.  
HE WAS ARRAIGNED AND CONVICTED  
FOR A 1984 CRIME IN WHICH HE  
ARRANGED THE SALE OF NUCLEAR  
COMPONENTS TO A REVOLUTIONARY  
GROUP IN CHINA.



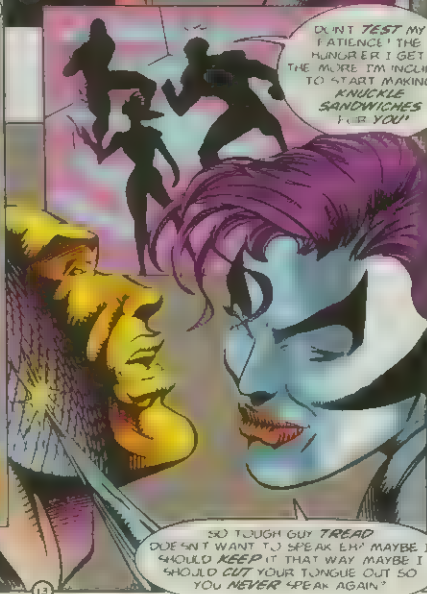




HOW LONG DO YOU WANT TO PLAY GAMES, TREAD? I NEED SOME ANSWERS, AND I DON'T HAVE TIME TO ASK MORE THAN ONCE WHERE DID YOU GET ALL THE GOLD? WHAT COUNTRY'S MINT DID YOU GUYS RAID?

SORRY  
SPEED I GOT  
NOTHIN BUT  
TIME

I CAN SIT HERE ALL NIGHT LONG AND NOT ANSWER QUESTIONS YOU YOU'RE GONNA WANT TO EAT DINNER SOMETIME TONIGHT RIGHT



DON'T TEST MY PATIENCE! THE HUNGER I GET THE MORE I'M INCLINED TO START MAKING KNUCKLE SANDWICHES FOR YOU!

SO TOUGH GUY TREAD DOESN'T WANT TO SPEAK EH? MAYBE I SHOULD KEEP IT THAT WAY MAYBE I SHOULD CUT YOUR TONGUE OUT SO YOU NEVER SPEAK AGAIN?



BAH THAT WOULD BE **PREFERRED** I WOULD RATHER BE **SILENCED FOREVER** THAN BETRAY THE **BLACK DRAGON**.

I CAN SEE WE'LL GET NOWHERE WITHOUT A DOSE OF **TRUTH SERUM**. OK GUYS TAKE HIM BACK TO **SOLITARY CONFINEMENT** KEEP TWO GUARDS POSTED BY HIS DOOR

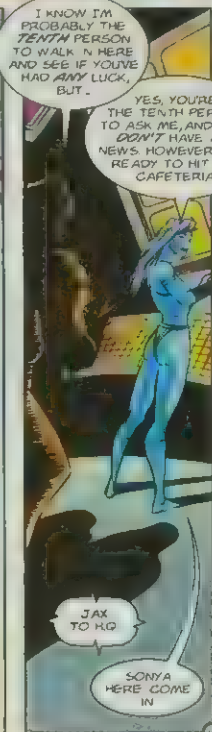


YES, SIR



I'M SO **FRUSTRATED** WITH THAT **SQUIM** I'D LOVE TO LET YOU CARRY THROUGH WITH YOUR **THREAT** IT'S TOO BAD WE NEED THE INFO FROM HIM!

I'LL GET MY CHANCE LET'S SEE IF **SONYA** HAS FOUND ANYTHING NEW



I KNOW I'M PROBABLY THE **TENTH PERSON** TO WALK IN HERE AND SEE IF YOU'VE HAD ANY LUCK, BUT...

YES, YOU'RE THE **TENTH PERSON** TO ASK ME, AND NO, I **DON'T** HAVE ANY NEWS HOWEVER, I AM READY TO HIT THE CAFETERIA

JAX TO HQ

SONYA HERE COME IN



**MIKKA** AND I ARE STILL AT THE MARINA WE'RE ALMOST READY TO TURN IN **WHATEVER** CLUES WERE AT THE SCENE OF THE EXPLOSION HAVE BEEN COLLECTED BY THE INVESTIGATORS THE PLACE IS STILL A MESS, BUT WE'RE GIVING THE PERMETER ONE **LAST** GLANCE BEFORE WE HEAD BACK



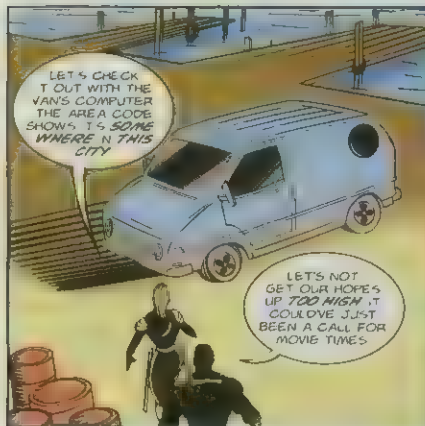


ONE OF  
THE BLACK  
DRAGON'S  
STANDARD COM  
DEVICES

DID YOU  
EVER THINK  
ABOUT GETTING  
INTO FORTJINE  
TELLING?

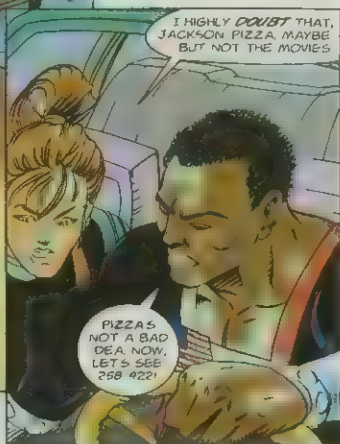
I WOULD'VE,  
BUT MY MOMMA  
WANTED ME TO  
BE A DOCTOR  
CAN WE FIND OUT  
ANYTHING  
WITH THIS?

IT'S JUST HIT  
RECALL AND TADA  
WE'VE GOT THE LAST  
NUMBER THEY MADE  
CONTACT WITH



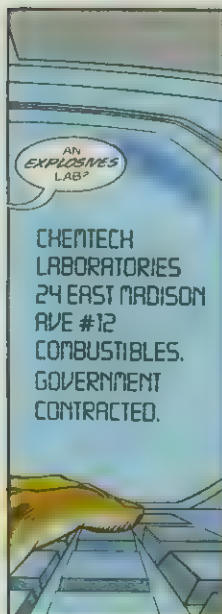
LET'S CHECK  
T OUT WITH THE  
VAN'S COMPUTER  
THE AREA CODE  
SHOWS IT'S *SOME*  
WHERE N THIS  
CITY

LET'S NOT  
GET OUR HOPES  
UP *TOO HIGH*. IT  
COULDOVE JUST  
BEEN A CALL FOR  
MOVIE TIMES



I HIGHLY *DOUBT* THAT,  
JACKSON PIZZA. MAYBE  
BUT NOT THE MOVIES

PIZZAS  
NOT A BAD  
DEA. NOW,  
LET'S SEE  
258 4221



AN  
EXPLOSIVES  
LAB?

CHEMTECH  
LABORATORIES  
24 EAST MADISON  
AVE #12  
COMBUSTIBLES.  
GOVERNMENT  
CONTRACTED.



WHY  
*DOESN'T* THAT  
SURPRISE  
ME?

BUT A  
GOVERNMENT  
CONTRACTOR?  
AT LEAST WE KNOW  
*WHERE* THEY'RE  
GETTING THEIR  
BOMBS



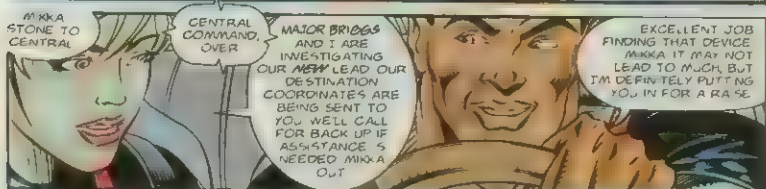
I THINK  
THAT PIZZA  
IS GOING TO  
HAVE TO  
WAIT

**SCREECH**

UNIT  
FOUR,  
REPORT



UNIT 4 TO  
MOBILE THEY  
FOUND THE  
"CLUE." PREPARE  
FOR CONTACT

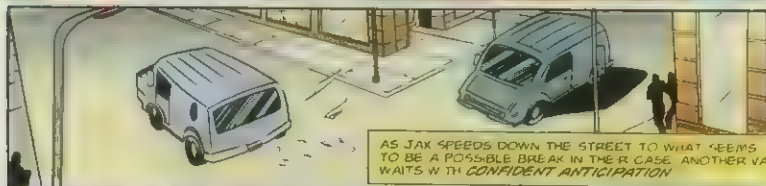


MIKKA  
STONE TO  
CENTRAL

CENTRAL  
COMMAND,  
OVER

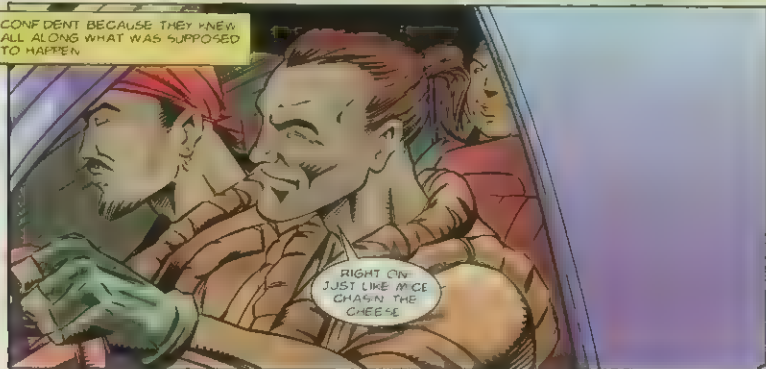
MAJOR BRIGGS  
AND I ARE  
INVESTIGATING  
OUR NEW LEAD OUR  
DESTINATION  
COORDINATES ARE  
BEING SENT TO  
YOU. WE'LL CALL  
FOR BACK UP IF  
ASSISTANCE IS  
NEEDED. MIKKA  
OUT

EXCELLENT JOB  
FINDING THAT DEVICE  
MIKKA IT MAY NOT  
LEAD TO MUCH, BUT  
I'M DEFINITELY PUTTING  
YOU IN FOR A RASE



AS JAX SPEEDS DOWN THE STREET TO WHAT SEEMS  
TO BE A POSSIBLE BREAK IN THE R CASE, ANOTHER VAN  
WAITS WITH CONFIDENT ANTICIPATION

CONFIDENT BECAUSE THEY KNEW  
ALL ALONG WHAT WAS SUPPOSED  
TO HAPPEN

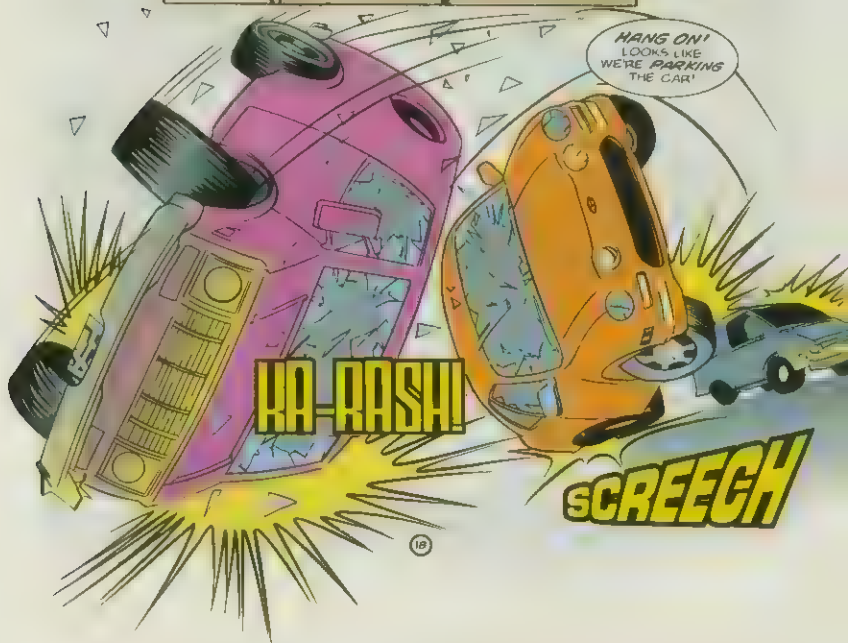
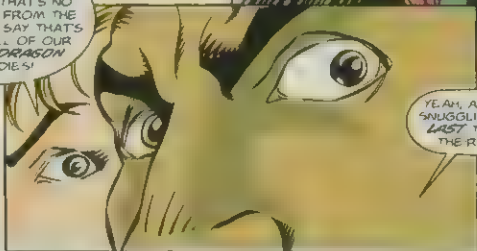


RIGHT ON  
JUST LIKE MICE  
CHASIN THE  
CHEESE





I HATE TO BREAK YOUR HEART, JAK, BUT THAT'S NO FAN CLUB FROM THE ATRE. I'D SAY THAT'S A VAN FULL OF OUR **BLACK DRAGON** BUDDIES!





JAY!  
ARE YOU  
ALRIGHT?

YEH, BUT  
I'D HAVE TO SAY OUR  
AIR BAGS ARE EITHER  
NOT WORKING OR THIS  
VAN DIDN'T COME  
WITH THEM

THAT WRECK  
WAS THE EASY  
PART WEDN.



THAT'S RIGHT!  
RUNNING INTO A FEW  
PARKED CARS IS  
GONNA SEEM LIKE  
HITTIN' AN AIR BAG  
AFTER WE'RE DONE  
WITH YOU!



I WOULDN'T  
COUNT ON  
T CREEP! WE'RE  
FAR FROM FINISHED  
FROM THAT. THE  
"ACCIDENT" YOU  
"PLANNED"!

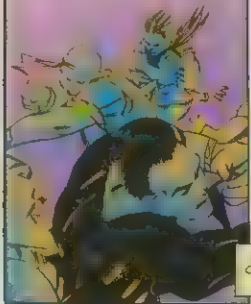
COURAGE CAN TAKE YOU FAR. I  
CAN TAKE YOU TO PLACES THAT  
OTHERS WOULD NEVER CONSIDER  
BECAUSE OF THE RESTRICTIONS  
IMPOSED BY THEIR FEARS.

WITH COURAGE THERE IS MUCH IN  
THIS WORLD THAT WOULD NOT BE,  
PERHAPS MUCH IN OUR VERY LIVES THAT  
WOULD NOT EXIST IF NOT FOR THE  
BRAVE CHOICES SOME HAVE MADE

BUT SOMETIMES,  
COURAGE CAN WORK  
AGAINST US...

AAAAAGH!!!

IN THOSE MOMENTS WHEN  
THE ODDS ARE TOO GREAT



WHEN THE FLUX OF THOSE  
ODDS CONFRONT AND OVER-  
POWER...



DEVASTATE  
AND CONQUER

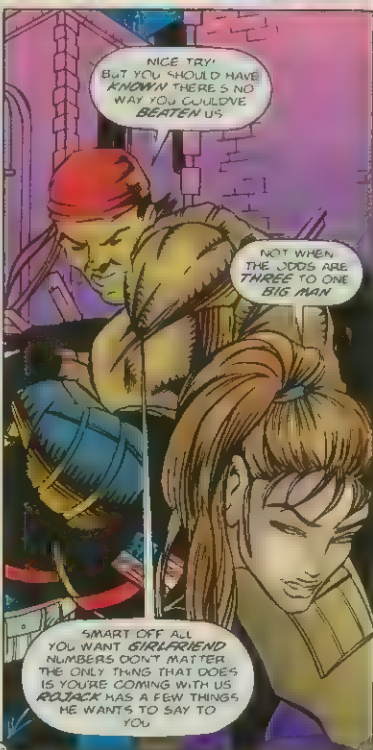


WHEN DEFEAT PEERS ITS UGLY FACE  
AROUND A CORNER THAT YOU HESITATED  
TO LOOK AROUND AND MAKES YOU SAY  
NO FORCES YOU TO SAY



ENOUGH

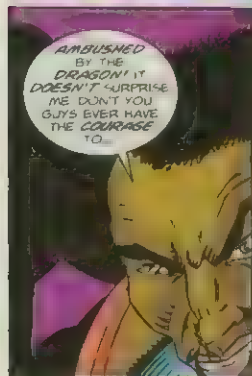
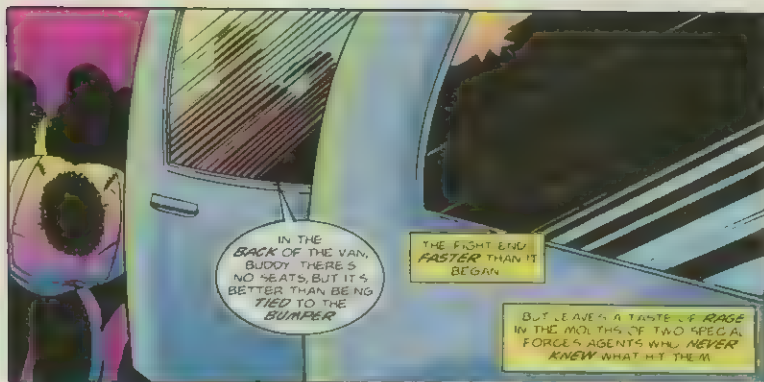
NICE TRY!  
BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE  
KNOWN THERE'S NO  
WAY YOU COULDN'T  
BEATEN US



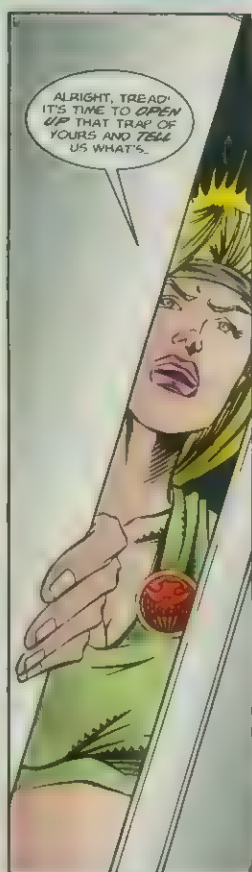
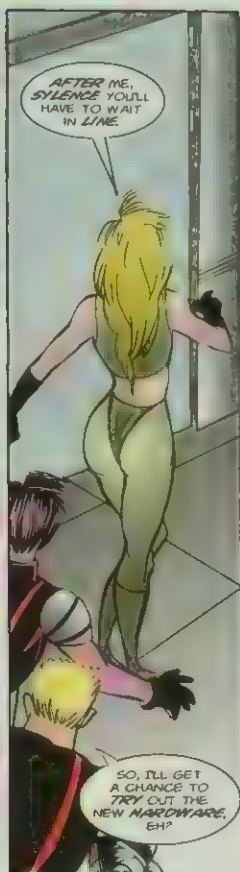
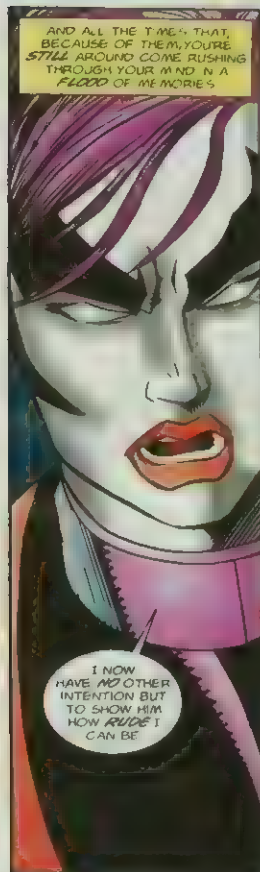
NOT WHEN  
THE ODDS ARE  
THREE TO ONE  
BIG MAN

SMART OFF ALL  
YOU WANT GIRLFRIEND  
NUMBERS DON'T MATTER  
THE ONLY THING THAT DOES  
IS YOU'RE COMING WITH US  
ROJACK HAS A FEW THINGS  
HE WANTS TO SAY TO  
YOU













"GOING ON?"

IT DOESN'T  
LOOK LIKE HE'LL  
BE TELLING US  
ANYTHING, SON-YA.  
NO MATTER WHAT  
WE THREATEN HIM  
WITH!

ENOUGH MYSTERY FOR YOU  
KUMBATEERS! YOU'LL GET YOUR  
ANSWER, NEXT MONTH, WHEN  
THE SPECIAL FORCES  
RETURN FORTY-TWO OF  
THEIR TREASURES!

MIDWAY  
PENITENTIARY  
THE HIGH  
SECURITY  
HOME OF  
THE MOST  
DANGEROUS  
PRISONERS  
IN THE  
COUNTRY

WHY WON'T  
YOU LISTEN  
TO ME?

I'VE GOT RELIABLE  
INFORMATION THAT  
THE BLACK DRAGON  
WILL TRY TO SPRING  
KANG TONIGHT.

AND U.S.  
SPECIAL FORCES  
HAVE BEEN SENT  
TO STOP 'EM

JAX AND  
I CAN  
HANDLE THE  
SITUATION  
WARDEN.

BUT WE  
NEED A LITTLE  
COOPERATION

AH,  
LEUTENANT  
BLADE I  
APPRECIATE  
YOUR  
OFFER

BUT WE  
HERE AT MIDWAY  
PRIDE OURSELVES  
ON OUR TIGHT  
SECURITY. WE CAN  
HANDLE THIS "BLACK  
DRAGON"  
ORGANIZATION  
JUST FINE,  
THANK YOU.

LET ME TELL  
YOU ONE THING,  
MISTER: IF THE  
"BLACK DRAGON"  
COMES  
TONIGHT.

YOUR  
SECURITY  
WON'T MEAN  
SQUAT.

A CHILL WIND RIPPLES ACROSS THE EXERCISE YARD, MINGLING WITH THE ECHOES FROM THE EXPLOSION BEHIND THE PRISON WALLS.

LET'S  
BLOW THIS  
JOINT

IT'S A NIGHT FOR MADNESS.  
A NIGHT FOR FREEDOM.

# KANO in "BREAK OUT"

based on Mortal Kombat 1000  
created by  
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dan shaheen director  
mark pamecia editor

THERE WILL  
BE PLENTY OF  
TIME FOR  
THAT

ONCE  
KANO IS  
FREE!

HEADS  
UP! MORE  
GUARDS IN  
THE WAY

WE  
WONTA FREE  
THE OTHER  
DRAGON  
MEMBERS  
HERE

NOT  
MORE  
"GUARDS",  
NITW T

YOU'RE  
DEALING  
WITH THE  
U.S. SPECIAL  
FORCES  
NOW

SONYA'S  
RIGHT AND  
PLEASE  
PLEASE  
PLEASE

-DON'T  
GIVE UP  
WITHOUT A  
FIGHT



THE BLACK DRAGON IS THE  
WORLD'S MOST NOTORIOUS  
CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION. ITS  
MEMBERS PRIDE THEMSELVES  
ON BEING THE MOST  
FORMIDABLE FIGHTERS ANY  
WHERE.

... THAT ... IN  
BLADE AND JAGGERS  
TELL THEM THAT AND  
THEN GET THE HELL OUT  
OF THE WAY

SHE DISLIKES ALL THE BLACK DRAGON BUT I  
A PERSONAL HATRED BETWEEN HER AND THE  
ASSHOLE CALLED KANO

IF YOU THINK  
YOU'RE GETTING  
LOOSE AGAIN,  
BUTCHER-

THEN  
YOU'RE  
SO CLOSELY M.S.  
TAKEN

GET AWAY  
FROM ME  
WOMAN

I'VE GOT  
YOU NOW, KANO  
AND THERE'S NO  
WAY YOU'RE GET-  
TING OUT OF  
MY

HAND-

MEANWHILE SPEEDING  
WESTWARD FROM THE  
PEN TENT ARY

WE'RE  
THIRTY MINUTES  
FROM THE  
RENDEZVOUS  
POINT

WE'LL  
HURRY IT UP  
PUNK



BECAUSE  
KANO'S GOT  
PLACES TO  
GO

...AND  
PEOPLE TO  
KILL

FOLLOW THE  
CONTINUING  
ADVENTURES  
OF THE WORLD'S  
GREATEST  
WARRIORS IN  
MALIBU COMICS!  
**MORTAL  
KOMBAT:  
BATTLE  
WAVE!**

TEST YOUR MIGHT

# THE ULTIMATE KOMBAT KWIZ

How much of a Mortal maniac are you anyway? Take this Kombat Kwiz and find out just how you rank.

**1. What's the name of Sub-Zero's ninja clan?**

- A. The Hand
- B. The Cold Warriors
- C. Lin Kuei
- D. Wang Chung

**2. For what movie did Johnny Cage win an Academy Award?**

- A. Uncaged Fury
- B. Fists of Stone
- C. Dragon Warriors
- D. Sudden Violence

**3. According to Midway's MKII comic book, which warrior won the last Mortal Kombat tournament?**

- A. Liu Kang
- B. Sub-Zero
- C. Goro
- D. Johnny Cage

**4. Which kombatant cannot actively compete in Mortal Kombat?**

- A. Scorpion
- B. Reptile
- C. Rayden
- D. Baraka

**5. What is the name of Goro's father?**

- A. Goron
- B. Gorbak
- C. Gomo
- D. Cornelius

**6. What secret Mortal Kombat character is named after the game designers?**

- A. Noob Saibot
- B. Soob Naibot
- C. Boon Tobias
- D. Boon Saibot

**7. How old is Shao Kahn believed to be?**

- A. 100 years old
- B. 500 years old
- C. 1,000 years old
- D. 10,000 years old

**8. Of what criminal organization is Kano a member?**

- A. The Green Serpent
- B. The Black Dragon
- C. The Red Plague
- D. The Yellow Fever

**9. Which character is the rightful heir to the throne of Outworld?**

- A. Mileena
- B. Kitana
- C. Shang Tsung
- D. Shao Kahn

**10. How many times must Shang Tsung win Mortal Kombat to open the portal between Earth and Outworld?**

- A. Three times
- B. Five times
- C. Ten times
- D. Thirteen times

**SCORING**

9-10 Correct - Congratulations!

You are the Grand Champion of *Mortal Kombat*!

6-8 Correct - Very good effort, but you're still mortal.

3-5 Correct - Not bad, but not quite in fighting form, are you?

1-2 Correct - Goro would like to have a few words with you.

1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-C, 5-B, 6-A, 7-D, 8-B, 9-B, 10-C

ANSWERS

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# RIDING THE BATTLEWAVE

MORTAL KOMBAT: BATTLEWAVE WRITER CHARLES MARSHALL

EXPOUNDS ON THE NEW SERIES FROM MALIBU COMICS.



Questions:

**Dan Shaheen**  
Assistant Editor

Answers:

**Charles Marshall**  
Writer

**Dan:** *What's the difference between the Blood & Thunder storyline and Battlewave?*

**Charles:** *Blood & Thunder* was the story of the acquisition of power. It dealt with what power meant to the different *Mortal Kombat* characters and how far some of them were willing to go to attain it. *Battlewave* deals more with the choices we make and how they define us. Of course, this is *Mortal Kombat*. So the story contains a great deal of action and adventure, punching and kicking, deception and trickery and bigger-than-life characters in completely out-of-control situations.

**Dan:** *Any other differences?*

**Charles:** The *Blood & Thunder* book had all the characters converging on the island of Shang Tsung at the beginning of the

story. In *Battlewave*, they'll come together more slowly, more naturally. One of my favorite aspects of working on the *Mortal Kombat* books has been handling these characters as they interact with one another on a one-on-one basis. More often than not, this leads to conflict, which leads to a fight. But how it leads to conflict and how it leads to a fight is where I get to have my fun.

**Dan:** *What else comes out of the Battlewave story?*

**Charles:** One of the most exciting things is that Rayden and Kano branch out into a joint mini-series of their own. Again, it deals with choices... and how they affect an individual. I thought it would be interesting to throw *Mortal Kombat*'s character with the highest ideals—the Thunder God, Rayden—with the game's most treacherous back-stabber, Kano.

**Dan:** *Will we see an attitude adjustment from Kano?*

**Charles:** Rayden believes that the potential for good does reside in Kano's soul. Who are we, mere mortals, to argue with a god?



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**—Charles Marshall**



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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hopefully everyone weathered the holiday season without too many lost notches on the old belt.

Anyway, now that it is 1995 and the year 2000 is ticking the hairs on the back of our necks, I start to wonder what sort of festivities will be planned for the turn of the century. What sort of New Year's Eve parties will rage out of control until the wee hours. Will we even be interested in, or able to have parties in 1999? Most likely, yes. Will we have other more pressing concerns on our little minds? Will people see in this an invitation to dance naked in the streets? Will television producers put together wild extravaganzas of mindless mayhem on the tube? "Dick Clark's Rockin' New Year's Eve Party Pot Luck Pig Roast and Pickle Sucking Contest." I imagine that a lot of people might use the turn of the millenia as a good excuse to do any number of outrageous things. Do you suppose that the big companies might take the opportunity to unveil all of the mind-boggling goodies that they have been poring over for years, all of the technology that will "take us into the twenty first century"? Ahh, who knows. It feels like a long way off anyhow.

Although, it seems like just last week I

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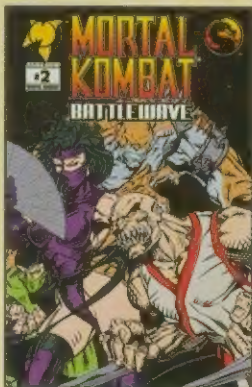
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Hey folks, I've used up my space in this fine column that the Mighty M. Paniccia has

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Take care.

—Dan Shaheen-Quest Bu'er



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